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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

1. On Thursday, March 31, 1983, Dennis Barnes, the Chief Scientist on the staff of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation and Committee staffer, Stephen Flajser, were briefed on Soviet space programs and activities. The briefing was given by OSWR's Space Systems Division. [REDACTED]

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2. The Committee staffers requested an overview of Soviet space capabilities and Moscow's plans for the future. The briefing consisted of a run-through of various types of Soviet space systems and vehicles within the TS clearance level. Comparisons were made with US capabilities. There was also a brief discussion about deficits in US knowledge of Soviet programs and the reasons for this handicap.

3. OSWR was highly responsive to the interest demonstrated by the Hill staffers, who in turn expressed satisfaction the 1 1/2 hour briefing. Their request had followed suggestion of a NASA official who believed the Senate Space Committee would profit from a better understanding of Soviet space achievements and goals.

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